Machinery Scheme, Government have advised the Sangathan that the issue of general revision of pay scales of staff is not a matter to be referred to arbitration under the Scheme.

Allocation of levy sugar to Gujarat

*355. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what is the policy of the Central Government in regard to allocation of levy sugar;

(b) what is the monthly allocation to Gujarat according to the above policy;

(c) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested for increasing the quota of levy sugar; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) Under the present policy of partial control, allocation of levy sugar to most of the States/UTs is being made on the basis of uniform norms of ensuring minimum 425 gms. per capita monthly availability for the projected population as on 1-10-86. These norms are effective from 1-2-87. However, allocation of levy sugar at higher scales is being allowed to a few Union Territories and States due to the special circumstances prevailing there. Further, to meet additional requirement of sugar for various festivals, Government also allocates about one lakh tonnes of levy sugar as festival quota to States/UTs every year. Government has also allowed an ad-hoc increase of 5% in the monthly quota to all States/UTs from August, 1991, which is continuing. The monthly levy sugar quota of Gujarat is 17,004 MTs (including 810 MTs towards 5% ad-hoc increase) and festival quota of Gujarat per annum is 4878 MTs.

(c) A request had been received from the Government of Gujarat in July, 1992 seeking enhancement of their monthly quota to 17,500 MTs on the basis of the 1991 Census.

(d) The request was declined.

Sanskrit Universities

*356. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount of money spent by Government during the last three years on the promotion of Sanskrit through six Sanskrit Universities; and

(b) whether any new Sanskrit University is proposed to be established by the Central Government ?

THE MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) The total amount of money spent by Government during the last three years i.e. 1989-90 to 1991-92 on the promotion of Sanskrit through three State Sanskrit Universities and two Deemed Universities of Sanskrit is Rs. 394.65 lakhs.

(b) A decision has been taken in principle to set up a Sanskrit University at Sringeri. Institutional structures which would evolve into a university over a period of time have been initiated.

Irrigation projects in Gujarat

*357. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of proposal for major irrigation projects received from the Gujarat Government for inclusion in the Eighth Five Year Plan district-wise; and

(b) what is the amount of Central assistance proposed to be provided during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b) A statement giving details of major irrigation projects in Gujarat included in VIII Plan is laid on the Table of the House.